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U.S. Consul General Visits Jizan Region

At the invitation of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed Bin Naser Bin Abdul Aziz, Governor of the Emarate of Jizan, US Consul General Tatiana C. Gfoeller visited the region from January 31st to February 1st 2006. Upon her arrival to Jizan, Gfoeller was welcomed by Prince Mohammed, and they discussed various avenues of cooperation between the U.S. mission to the Kingdom and his region.

The Consul General congratulated Prince Mohammed on the ongoing development in the area and offered her continued support for the government's effort to maximize the region's resources. Following the meeting, Gfoeller toured the city of Jizan to admire its coast line, its port, and its famed souk.

On January 31st, Consul General traveled to the renowned Farasan Island and was greeted by Mr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Haq, Mayor of Farasan, who accompanied her on a tour of sites demonstrating the island's prospects for tourism. She noted her admiration for efforts to preserve farasan's cultural heritage, its remarkable beaches, and its wild life conservatory.

"I am extremely impressed by the area's achievements as well as its potential for economic development and tourism," said Gfoeller, "and it is my intention to return here through out my tenure in the Kingdom to offer whatever cooperation I can."